

A. Operating Requirements

I note that an emotional element to this question rages through the Amateur Radio community; there are far too many emotionally-charged anecdotal suppositions cited by both sides of the issue, and far too few (if any) meaningful studies to support either side. Having read hundreds of comments for and against NPRM 05-235, I am convinced that there is no technical reason to retain the code test.

I agree with the Commission that knowledge of electrical, electronic, and radio frequency theories and knowledge of the rules and regulations required for a license in the Amateur Radio Service gained by the applicant's self-education should support a reasonable prediction of the future correct and proper operation of the station.

Given that international treaty no longer requires Morse Code for access to frequencies below 30 MHz, I concur with removing the Morse Code requirement for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses as stated.

B. Operating Privileges Changes

I agree with the Commission's arguments and concur with denying all petitions as stated.

C. Number License Classes Change Requests

I agree with the Commission's arguments and concur with denying the petitions as stated by not creating a new beginners license; not automatically upgrading Technician and Technician Plus to General; and not automatically upgrading Advanced to Extra.

D. Other Requested Rule Changes

I agree with the Commission's arguments and:

- a) Concur with denial of written content change and that it is the VEC tis the proper organization to be contacted for changes to the written examinations
- b) Concur with denial of closer FCC oversight of tests
- c) Concur with denial of Mode testing
- d) Concur with denial of rule changes for repeating failed examination elements
- e) Concur with denial of rule changes certifying Volunteer Examiners

I concur with each of the ordering clauses 60-78 that either grants or denies the specified petitions as stated.

I concur with each of the proposed changes to the Part 97 rules as stated in the Appendix A.

I thank the Commission for its due diligence in these matters and support this NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING AND ORDER, WT Docket No.05-235.